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This is in response to the "Request for Corrected or Revised Patent Application Publication under 37 CFR 1.221(b)," which was received on October 25, 2004, for the above-identified application.

The request is DISMISSED as moot.

37 CFR 1.221(b) is applicable "only when the Office makes a material mistake which is apparent from Office records." A material mistake must affect the public's ability to appreciate the technical disclosure of the patent application publication, to determine the scope of the patent application publication, or to determine the scope of the provisional rights that an applicant may seek to enforce upon issuance of a patent.¹

Since the application has already issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,977,327 on December 20, 2005, the request is deemed moot.

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¹Changes to Implement Eighteen-Month Publication of Patent Applications, 65 FR 57023, 57038 (Sept. 20, 2000), 1239 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office Notices 63, 75 (Oct. 10, 2000) (final rule).